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Gay Men's Conference

M.D.s Discuss Diseases; Dads Tell Joy, Hard Work

More than 50 men attended the all-day Gay Men's Conference on Saturday, October 16. The conference, largely organized and facilitated by members of the Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Mental Health Professionals, was held at the 24th Street Theatre in the Sierra 2 community center complex.

The day's topics ranged from hepatitis B and Kaposi's Sarcoma, through gay fathering, to single gay male lifestyles and gay couples. Except for the gay fathers panel, each subject was presented by a physician or a psychiatrist. The result was sometimes more like a professional symposium than a laymen's conference.

The two hot topics of the day were Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and its effects on gay men's lifestyles, and gay fathering.

Dr. Sandy Pomerantz of Sacra-

mento dealt first with AIDS, reviewing the history of the syndrome, the related diseases such as Kaposi's Sarcoma and pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, possible consequences, research and treatment.

Pomerantz noted that very little is actually known about the causes of AIDS. Nor, he said, is there any proof that it is transmissible from one person to another, though some evidence seems to suggest this.

Dr. Robert Miller of San Francisco, in his talk dealing with single gay men, also dealt with AIDS. He spoke mainly from the perspective of a single gay male whose life, and whose friends' lives, have radically changed because of AIDS.

Miller told the group, "I think it's something to be alarmed about." He cited evidence pointing to connections

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Nuts and Bolts

Leon Mouthon (left) and Michael Queen demonstrate the technique of matching their hardware at the Wreck Room's recent "Nuts and Bolts" party. Patrons who found a match were rewarded with a free drink at the popular 20th Street bar.

23 From Sacto Find Fifth Men's Gathering A Great Experience

By JAMES K. GRAHAM
and AL HOCH

"Wonderful!"

"8½ on a scale of 10."

"Simply the best experience of my life."

These were the reactions of some of the men from Sacramento who attended the fifth California Men's Gathering (CMG) the second weekend in October.

Their enthusiasm was in no way lessened by the fact that about half of the 23 Sacramento-area men attending the gathering came down with colds afterward.

"After all," said one, "when you're kissing 200 men for three days, you're bound to catch something."

Held at YMCA Camp Campbell in Boulder Creek near Santa Cruz, the gathering attracted over 200 men and about 15 women and children for three days of "coming together to share, to change together away from damaging gender-roles, to cherish our similarities and our differences, and to celebrate our common humanity," as the

planning committee expressed its purpose.

Two days of workshops provided the focus for the gathering. These afforded opportunities for small groups of men to deal intensively with such issues as homophobia, friendship between gay and non-gay men, contacting the "wild man" within, bisexuality, radical gay identity, bodywork, El Salvador, and equal relationships.

Saturday and Sunday evenings featured cultural presentations. Poets David Steinberg, one of the originators of the California Men's Gathering, and Steven Vincent read their works about changing men. The San Francisco Contact Improvisation Group also performed.

Music came from San Francisco's Choral Majority, as well as from men's movement singers such as Blackberri, Tom Hunter, and Gary Lapow. Scorby the clown underscored the importance of serious silliness.

The Faerie Circle, held Saturday night, is an increasingly popular and accepted part of the California Men's

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National Conclave Elects NOW Leader, Backs Lesbian Rights

By SHIREEN MILES

Judy Goldsmith, the newly-elected president of the National Organization for Women, has pledged to build a political organization the will match the right wing in dollars and influence by the 1984 elections.

"We expect to have tremendous impact in 1984. . . . We expect to have one of the largest independent political action committees in the nation . . . to match the right wing. . . . We will give Reagan all the attention he deserves," Goldsmith vowed.

Goldsmith, a NOW leader and a former English professor from Wisconsin, was elected on October 10 at the NOW National Convention in Indianapolis after a fierce campaign and a race so tight it took all night to count the ballots.

Her major opponent was Sonia Johnson, the Virginia woman who was excommunicated from the Mormon church for her support to the Equal Rights Amendment. Johnson's astute lobbying efforts helped bring the ERA within one vote of passage in Virginia, a state considered a long shot by National NOW.

The other new officers include Mary Jean Collins, director of Chicago NOW, who was elected Vice President/Ad-

tion; Barbara Timmer, an attorney and counsel to a monetary affairs subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives, elected Vice President/Executive; Kathy Webb, a lesbian and gay rights activist from Little Rock, Arkansas, elected Secretary; and Alice Chapman, re-elected Treasurer.

In other action at the conference, NOW members reordered the agenda in order to consider first and pass a lesbian rights resolution. The resolution calls for specific actions at local, state, and national levels in the areas of education and communication, not only within the organization but also outside of NOW.

This lesbian rights resolution also addressed legislation and legal rights. It charged the conference implementation committee with the responsibility to call a major national conference on lesbian rights in 1984. It also mandated the production of an educational videotape series, regional networking directories of gay and lesbian activists, and legal and legislative resource kits for local chapter use.

Controversy erupted over a section of the original resolution which would have prohibited NOW endorsement of any political candidate whose stand on

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OPINION

Campaign Was Nasty, But Your Vote Counts

It's going to be a great relief to have the general election done with.

The campaigns this year have been more than usually nasty, it seems. Every day's news brings fresh reports of name-calling, lying, underhandedness, outrageous spending, and just plain ugliness.

In the local race for county sheriff, Robbie Waters calls Duane Lowe a liar and Duane Lowe calls Robbie Waters a liar. The latest is that Lowe has called off their remaining scheduled debates and filed a libel suit against Waters.

In the local races for the state Assembly and Senate, the forces of the radical right, backed by the H.L. Richardson political funding and campaign octopus, are trying to take over.

Thanks From Gay Vote '82

Editor:

Now that the Gay Vote '82 registration drive has been completed, we would like to personally thank everyone who helped make the project a success.

The cooperation from each and every bar owner and staff, in allowing us to register at their establishments, was very much appreciated. You were all very helpful in seeing to it that the volunteers had tables, chairs, etc., so that things could run smoothly.

Thanks to Paul Fitzgerald and the staff at the Incredible Edible for enabling us to hold our meetings in such a positive atmosphere.

Thank you, Chuck and Raintree Florist, for the beautiful floral arrangements that brightened the registration table.

Also, thank you, RCBA, for all your moral support and contributions. They were very much appreciated.

To all the volunteers who put time and energy into Gay Vote '82—your belief in the project enabled us, as a

Richardson's protege John Doolittle, whose homophobia is of epic proportions, is trying to blast away another distinguished legislator, Leroy Greene, as he did Al Rodda a couple of years ago.

W.S. "Bill" Green, another conservative with an antediluvian turn of mind, is vying with Lloyd Connelly, a moderate Democrat who has served with distinction on the Sacramento City Council as a fiscal watchdog, for the Assembly seat Leroy Greene has given up.

Ingrid Azvedo proclaims that she is "Aryan" and not "one of those" Portuguese, despite her last name. She thinks she would serve better in the Assembly than Mayor Phil Isenberg, a seasoned, experienced public servant.

community, to continue our efforts.

The media coverage from the publications in the gay and lesbian community helped to create the proper energy.

The Sacramento gay and lesbian community has much to be proud of. Political clout is within reach of our community. To ensure this clout, it is up to each one of us to make our voice heard on November 2. Please, take time to use the power Sacramento has. VOTE!

KATHY GAGE
CAROLE THOMPSON
Coordinators, Gay Vote '82

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The Star's Recommendations At A Glance

GOVERNOR. Tom Bradley.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Leo T. McCarthy.

SECRETARY OF STATE. March Fong Eu.

CONTROLLER. Kenneth Cory.

TREASURER. Jesse M. Unruh.

ATTORNEY GENERAL. John Van de Kamp.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. Bill Bennett.

UNITED STATES SENATOR. Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

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COUNTY SHERIFF. Robbie Waters.

SMUD WARD 3. Edward A. Smeloff.

SMUD WARD 4. Virginia Moose.

COUNTY MEASURES B, C, D, E, F, CITY CHARTER REVISIONS. Vote Yes.

In statewide races, Republican gubernatorial candidate George Deukmejian dumped his campaign manager after word went out from Deukmejian's headquarters that they were counting on the hidden anti-black vote to help them beat Democrat Tom Bradley.

It's interesting to note that a statewide poll showed that only five percent of voters would vote against a candidate because he was black, as Bradley is, but 12 percent said they would vote against an Armenian-American, as Deukmejian is. Should Bradley capitalize on the hidden anti-Armenian vote?

The radical right is also attempting to unseat four California Supreme Court justices, one Reagan appointee and three Brown appointees, because their decisions do not always coincide with the ultra-conservative agenda. This is an outrageous attack on one of the foundation stones of our republic—the independence of the judiciary from outside influence and control.

The campaigns around the statewide propositions have not been much more encouraging.

Major grocery store chains have virtually forced their customers to become walking billboards against Proposition 11, the initiative requiring deposits on beverage containers, by printing anti-11 propaganda on shopping bags. They also called a press conference and displayed dead rats, cockroaches, and other unsavory vermin, claiming that passage of the bottle bill would cause infestations in their stores.

And of course proponents of the Nuclear Freeze, Proposition 12, have been labelled "Communist dupes" by the paranoid militarists who seem to think a nuclear war could not only be survived, but won.

Last, but not least, are the "gun nuts" who oppose Proposition 15, the gun control initiative. The Bill of Rights guarantees citizens the right to bear arms, it is true. But that was necessary when the US was a new, small, wild outpost, fearing British

attempts at reconquest, native American attempts at reconquest, and wild animal attacks.

Now, the fewer guns there are around, the safer we all will be. The weapons for national defense are in the hands of those charged with national defense. If guns are necessary for personal defense, they work just as well if registered. And law enforcement should be left to legal, trained agencies, not to vigilantes.

Frankly, in all of the hoopla of the campaigns, there has been very little of substance. It is one of the curses of the electronic age that what we are given to vote for is images rather than real people and issues.

Yet, we cannot write off the electoral process as a total failure, despite the efforts of demagogues, big business, and media consultants.

Although it may sound like the cliches of eighth-grade civics classes, the fundamental truth remains. The vote of the people determines the course of the ship of state.

And we are the people. Our votes can make a difference. And if the politicians, the moneybags, the pollsters, and the party hacks in smoke-filled rooms can see where our votes are coming from and whom they're going to, they will listen to us, talk to us, and even work with us.

Where identifiable gay and lesbian communities have produced identifiable voting blocs—in Houston, San Francisco, Los Angeles—they have also produced attention from politicians. This election may be our chance in Sacramento.

"Lavender Heights" has been identified as a potentially significant gay and lesbian electoral area. Will it prove to be so in this election?

The answer is up to us. Wherever we live, we must vote. And we must vote for candidates who have indicated their support for our concerns. We must vote for propositions that show that we are on the side of human beings and human rights.

Our votes can make a difference. Vote on November 2.*

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Orion Is New Organization For Gay And Lesbian Adventists

Orion Fellowship Alliance is a new organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transsexual people of Seventh-Day Adventist backgrounds. It is a non-profit corporation organized to meet the religious and social needs of the international community of Adventist sexual minorities.

The San Francisco-based organization is dedicated to providing positive, significant insights about human sexual orientation to aid in decreasing confusion about sexual minorities. It

also provides alternate social activities for its members and the community.

Orion believes that its major responsibility is to provide support and services to individuals within sexual minority communities. It aims to minister to the whole person: spiritual, social, physical, mental, and emotional needs.

On a smaller scale, Orion is working for the development of a sexual theology within the Seventh-Day Adventist

church. The board of directors feels that this mission of education, advocacy, and reconciliation can best be accomplished through grassroots approaches. Such approaches include speakers' bureaus, publications, and educational materials.

According to Craig Roberts, public relations director of Orion, spokespersons for this new gay Adventist organization are critical of Kinship, the existing gay Adventist organization. They call it "basically a political

lobbying group attempting to bring about change within the conservative denomination."

Noting that "board members of Orion are all openly gay persons," Roberts stated that "the board of the other organization is composed of a large proportion of closeted people who use pseudonyms. Orion believes it is vital for its leadership to be visible and identifiable in order to promote positive self-images and affirmation within its membership."

Local gay Adventists who belong to both groups told The Star that they see a place for both Kinship and Orion in the lives of gay and lesbian Adventists. They also expressed support for people active in the Sacramento chapter of Kinship. The criticisms Orion has leveled at Kinship, they stated, apply more to other chapters than to Sacramento's.

Orion publishes a monthly news journal, "Lifeline," sent to all members and available by subscription to non-members. "Kontakt," published quarterly for Orion, is a correspondence service and literary magazine for members who register for this service. "Kontakt" aids members in forming networks of support and friendship by putting members with similar interests in touch with each other.

For more information about Orion and its local chapters, write to Orion Fellowship Alliance, Inc., P.O. Box 4768, San Francisco, CA 94101.*

LGPU Women's Outreach Plans Socials, Sports, Music, Trip

The Lesbian and Gay People's Union at California State University, Sacramento has added a Women's Outreach to the group's activities this semester. Since its inception, this effort has brought together a wide range of women for various activities.

Chris Galvez is the coordinator for LGPU Women's Outreach this year. She aims eventually to develop a community-wide network so that all women can be informed of activities they would like to participate in.

The Women's Outreach began as an

effort to draw more women to LGPU functions, especially the potlucks held every two weeks. The men in LGPU have expressed a desire to share this time with their lesbian sisters, but in the past have not known how to reach them.

Although LGPU is a CSUS campus organization, all women in the community are welcome at the Women's Outreach functions, according to Galvez.

In the past month, the women have gotten together for some Sunday after-

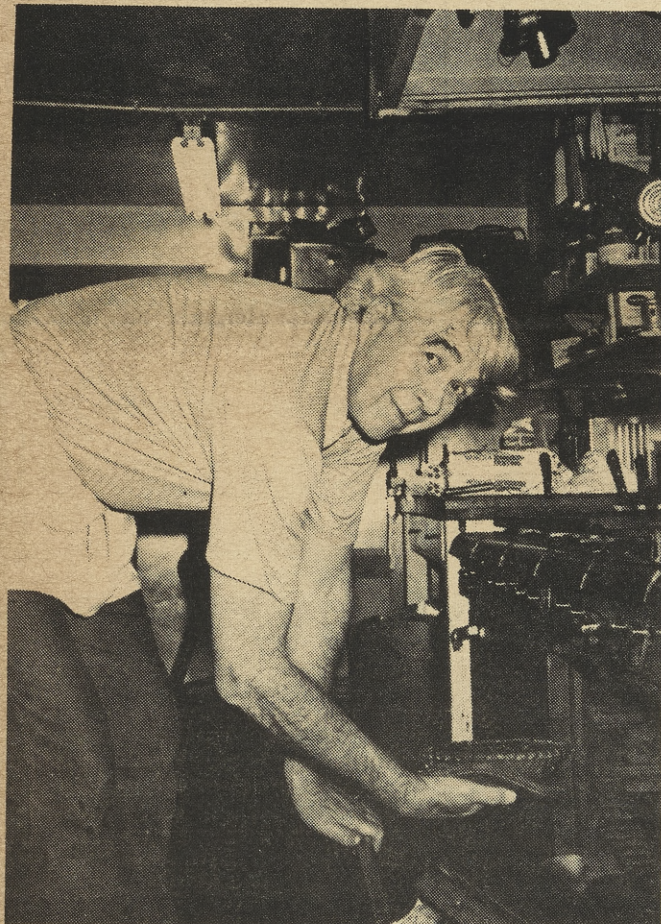
noon basketball games and barbeques. These games are still on while the weather holds. Thanks to the Gay People's Union at Sacramento City College, a basketball night—tentatively Wednesday—will be starting soon at the SCC Women's Gym.

On October 2, LGPU sponsored the first women-only potluck of the school year. Over 25 women attended. Future women-only potlucks will be held on the second Saturday of each month so as not to coincide with other clubs' functions.

Future events include a drive to Apple Hill on Sunday, October 24, for winetasting, apple sampling, crafts, a picnic, and some bluegrass music. And on Saturday, November 20, Women's Outreach will have a special Thanksgiving potluck and movie night, beginning at 4 p.m.

Sunday, November 21, LGPU Women's Outreach will sponsor an exclusive Sacramento appearance by the popular Bay Area women's musical group Heart and Sole. Time and place are still being arranged, and will be announced well in advance of the date.

Women who are interested in being informed of future events, who have ideas for activities, or who would like to host a potluck or other event, are invited to call Chris Galvez at 457-1372.*



Hot Dish

Chef Bob Ferrell prepares Sunday brunch at The City restaurant between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. every week. The brunch features a free glass of bubbly and a variety of entrees. The City is located inside The Broadway LTD, at 20th and Broadway. Club 21 also serves brunch on Sunday.

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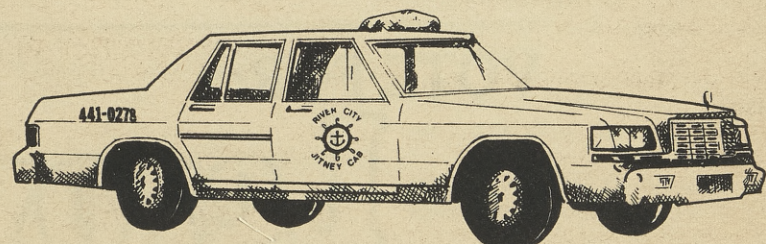
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Halloween Parties Promise Food, Drink, Films, Prizes

Halloween has long been regarded as a gay holiday, and Sacramento's drinking and dancing establishments will offer revelers a wide choice of parties to attend.

The Power Plant will celebrate with its Hookers Costume Ball. Three cash prizes of \$100 each will be awarded to the tackiest costume, the best couple, and the best overall. Doors will open at 9 p.m. and the winners will be announced at 12:30 a.m. There will be a \$2 cover charge.

Bojangle's Halloween party will feature a free buffet and free champagne. The winner of the best costume contest will receive a roundtrip airline ticket to Hawaii; second place will get \$25. The best couple will get \$100, and the second place winners be awarded \$25. The party will start at 10 p.m., and \$5 cover will be charged.

The Wreck Room will show "Black Sabbath" at its Halloween costume party. Contestants for the costume competition will have to register by 9

p.m. for the judging, which will be done between 9 and 10.

Club 21 will celebrate Halloween on both Saturday and Sunday. On October 30, the bar will present a Red Party starting at 9 p.m. Attractions include Sacramento's first Scream Contest, best "theme" costume competition (the theme is red), drink specials, and video entertainment. No admission will be charged, and there may be after hours. On October 31, Club 21 will

present "The Howling" at 4:30 p.m. The Parking Lot will celebrate with a live band, Cornerstone, and four prizes for best costumes. The bar will have a special drink-a-rumkin to delight ghosts and goblins.

Diamond Butterfly plans a costume contest and special refreshments for its Halloween party.

Other Halloween parties will take place at The Broadway LTD., the Mercantile Saloon, and Anna Marie's.★



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Brad and Janet

Members of the audience come in costume for the weekly showing of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" at the Showcase Cinema, every Saturday at midnight. On Halloween, the Showcase will screen "Rocky Horror" at 1:35, 5:25, and 9:15 p.m.

Dignity Women's Group Is Growing

The Dignity Women's Group continues to grow. Attendance at the group's second monthly meeting/potluck on Sunday, October 17, was up to 13 women from the eight who attended the September meeting.

Fr. Mel Bucher, chaplain of Dignity/Sacramento and pastor of St. Francis church, Dignity's host parish, also attended the gathering. With him were Bill Stuart, Dignity co-chair, and other staff from St. Francis.

The Dignity Women's Group was formed as an outreach effort to include more women in Dignity/Sacramento, the local chapter of the international organization of gay and lesbian Catholics and friends.

Although the Women's Group is sponsored by Dignity/Sacramento, its purpose is to address the spiritual concerns of all lesbians, whether or not they have a Catholic background.

The goals of the Women's Group are still in the formative stage. The current emphasis is on providing a supportive atmosphere for women to

explore issues relating to spirituality, religious tradition, and the need for a spiritual community that addresses the concerns of lesbians.

The next potluck/meeting of the Dignity Women's Group will be Sunday, November 21, from 5 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact Jill at 453-0217 or Alberta at 739-6891.★

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**JOHN
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vs.

**LEROY
GREENE**

★ "I'm one who believes gays and lesbians don't belong in state service."

★ "It's absolutely asinine and we should not tolerate that kind of thing."

★ "We don't need an Equal Rights Amendment."

★ Voted for the Gay Employment Bill and continues to support the gay community.

★ Voted for the Consenting Adults Legislation.

★ Supports the Equal Rights Amendment.

VOTE FOR:

Leroy Greene
Democrat/State Senate

Leroy F. Greene Campaign Committee—I.D. #743543—Michael Maslak, Treasurer

POLITICS

We Recommend These Candidates

In our last issue, The Star made recommendations for voting on the statewide ballot propositions in the November 2 election. In this issue, The Star recommends candidates to vote for and how to vote on local ballot measures.

Whether or not you agree with The Star's recommendations, one thing is of primary importance: Voting. The polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

GOVERNOR. Tom Bradley.

As mayor of Los Angeles, Tom Bradley has worked with gay activist groups and has appointed gays to various city offices. Bradley is expected to leave intact Governor Brown's executive order banning discrimination based on sexual orientation. His opponent, hard-line law-and-order conservative Republican George Deukmejian, is expected to repeal the order.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Leo T. McCarthy.

Leo McCarthy represents portions of San Francisco in the state Assembly. He has supported gay groups and while speaker of the Assembly he supported pro-gay legislation.

SECRETARY OF STATE. March Fong Eu.

Since March Fong Eu was elected to the post eight years ago, she has simplified the voter registration process and had kept the office fairly non-partisan.

CONTROLLER. Kenneth Cory.

As controller, Ken Cory has stood up to the Legislature and pressured them to make tough budget decisions in a timely manner. His independence is needed.

TREASURER. Jesse M. Unruh.

Jesse Unruh has long been a friend of the gay community. As treasurer he has continued to support gay causes.

ATTORNEY GENERAL. John Van de Kamp.

Los Angeles District Attorney John

Van de Kamp has a good reputation with the gay community of Southern California. As state attorney general he would insure that law enforcement emphasizes important issues and not lifestyles.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. Bill Bennett.

Incumbent Bill Bennett has been doing a good job representing his area on the Board of Equalization and should be retained.

UNITED STATES SENATOR. Edmund G. Brown, Jr.

As governor, Jerry Brown has made many advances for gay rights. He signed an executive order prohibiting discrimination against gays in state employment and has appointed many gay people to state posts. We need him in Washington to help pass the gay rights bill and stop the Family Protection Act.

CONGRESS, 3RD DISTRICT. Robert T. Matsui.

A cosponsor of the gay rights bill, Robert Matsui is a supporter of gay causes and is opposed to the Family Protection Act.

CONGRESS, 4TH DISTRICT. Vic Fazio.

Vic Fazio is also a cosponsor of the gay rights bill. When he was a state assemblyman he supported gay rights.

STATE SENATE, 6TH DISTRICT. Leroy F. Greene.

As the dean of the Assembly, Leroy Greene has been a long-time supporter of legislation for gay rights. His opponent John Doolittle doesn't think gays should be allowed to work for the state.

STATE ASSEMBLY, 4TH DISTRICT. Thomas Hannigan.

Tom Hannigan has an outstanding record for a second-term assemblyman and should be returned to the Assembly.

STATE ASSEMBLY, 5TH DISTRICT. Jean Moorhead.

Jean Moorhead made headlines two years ago when she switched parties. She is noted for her legislation increasing the penalties for drunken driving and for her support of feminist issues.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES. Retain Frank Richardson, Otto Kaus, Allen Broussard, and Cruz Reynoso.

While one may not always agree with the opinions of Supreme Court justices, the only valid reason for removing a judge is improper conduct in office. To do otherwise is to endanger the independence of the judiciary. None of the four has behaved in a manner warranting removal.

COURT OF APPEAL JUSTICES. Retain Coleman Blease, Frances Newell Carr, and Keith Sparks.

As with the Supreme Court justices, none of these judges is guilty of misconduct in office that would warrant removal.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. Wilson Riles.

Wilson Riles has been state superintendent of schools during a period of budget cutbacks and other outside interference in the schools. He has done a good job and should be re-elected.

STATE ASSEMBLY, 6TH DISTRICT. Lloyd G. Connelly.

City Councilman Lloyd Connelly has supported gay causes in the past and is expected to continue to do so in the Assembly. He has a good reputation for conscientiousness and fiscal responsibility. His opponent, Bill Green, is supported by arch-conservative, anti-gay state Senator H.L. Richardson.

STATE ASSEMBLY, 7TH DISTRICT. Norm Waters.

While Norm Waters may not be the gay community's best friend, his opponent ran the campaign for the Briggs anti-gay initiative a few years back.

STATE ASSEMBLY, 10TH DISTRICT. Phillip Isenberg.

Sacramento Mayor Phil Isenberg has supported gay issues while mayor

and when he was an assistant to Willie Brown at the time the consensual sex legislation passed. His opponent, Ingrid Azvedo, has demonstrated a lack of understanding for minority groups.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. Nancy Wolford.

Nancy Wolford would bring to the auditor-controller's office long-needed new ideas. Her opponent, John Twomey, is responsible for many of the current policies that the voters rejected along with the incumbent in June.

COUNTY SHERIFF. Robbie Waters.

While Lt. Robbie Waters has promised the gay community nothing more than an open door, the same treatment he will give all citizens, his opponent, incumbent Sheriff Duane Lowe, has not even seen fit to do that much. Waters will bring to the sheriff's department good ideas from the Sacramento Police Department, which is much more open to community interaction. Homophobic Sheriff Duane Lowe should be dumped in favor of Robbie Waters.

SMUD WARD 3. Edward A. Smeloff.

Ed Smeloff is a former energy spokesperson for the local Campaign for Economic Democracy. As such, he is aware of the issues facing SMUD. Incumbent Paul Carr was recently sued because he is the chief financial officer for SMUD's largest customer. Smeloff promises rate reform.

SMUD WARD 4. Virginia Moose.

Virginia Moose is the energy spokesperson for the League of Women Voters. She is aware of the issues that will come before SMUD's board of directors. She favors rate reform and is needed on the SMUD board.

COUNTY MEASURES B, C, D, E, F, CITY CHARTER REVISIONS. Vote Yes.

These measures would remove existing provisions in the Sacramento City Charter that relate to personnel matters and would allow the City Council to set regulations subject to collective bargaining. The revisions are needed to permit the city and its employees to bargain in good faith. *

THE TRUTH ABOUT PROPOSITION 11

TIME MAGAZINE—"BOTTLE BILLS WORK"

Despite dire predictions, the experience of the states that enacted them shows clearly that bottle bills work.

LOS ANGELES TIMES—"COMMON SENSE"

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PROPOSITION 1, State School Building Lease-Purchase Bond Law of 1982. VOTE YES.

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PROPOSITION 3, Veteran's Bond Act of 1982. VOTE YES.

PROPOSITION 4, Lake Tahoe Acquisitions Bond Act. VOTE YES.

PROPOSITION 5, First-Time Home Buyers Bond Act of 1982. VOTE YES.

PROPOSITION 6, Public Pension Fund Investment. VOTE YES.

PROPOSITION 7, Taxation. Real Property Valuation. New Construction. VOTE YES.

PROPOSITION 8, Transfer of Funds by Local Governments. VOTE YES.

PROPOSITION 9, School Textbooks. Nonpublic Schools. VOTE NO.

PROPOSITION 10, Unifying Superior, Municipal, and Justice Courts. NO POSITION.

PROPOSITION 11, Beverage Containers: Initiative Statute. VOTE YES.

PROPOSITION 12, Nuclear Weapons: Initiative Statute. VOTE YES.

PROPOSITION 13, Water Resources: Initiative Statute. VOTE YES.

PROPOSITION 14, Reapportionment by Districting Commission or Supreme Court. VOTE NO.

PROPOSITION 15, Guns: Initiative Statute. VOTE YES.

FEATURE

Women Pioneer In Blue-Collar Jobs

By DONNA J. LENTINE

The number of women entering our nation's blue collar work force has been steadily on the rise over the past decade. As we await statistics weighing the influence of recent events such as the defeat of the ERA, flux in Affirmative Action, rising interest rates, economic stagnation, layoffs in factories and construction industries, and reductions in funding for women in employment support programs, what can we say about our accomplishments so far?

Virginia Jackson, Apprenticeship Consultant for the Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Apprenticeship Standards, states, "Many more women than ever before have entered blue collar apprenticeship programs."

Apprenticeships, including both classroom and on-the-job training, are the primary route of entry to blue collar work such as carpentry, upholstery, electronics, and mechanics. The typical length of an apprenticeship is four to six years. No prior experience in the field is necessary for acceptance.

Jackson's office worked toward establishing the 1979 California Plan for Equal Opportunity in Apprenticeships, which set the first goals and timetables in the country for equal entry of women and minorities.

In spite of an "8 percent decrease in the total number of active apprentices in the state of California from March 1981 to March 1982, women have risen to 7 percent of the total number of registered apprentices in California in March 1982," according to a Division of Apprenticeship Standards report. This figure compares favorably with "1.7 percent women entering registered apprenticeship programs in California in 1976," when the plan went into effect.

The US Bureau of Census Handbook of Women-1975 reports, "277,000 women were employed nationally in the skilled trades in 1960. 495,000 women, an 80 percent increase, were similarly employed in 1970." Although this 80 percent increase was "double the number of women entering all other jobs" in the same years, the rate of increase for men entering the skilled trades was "eight times the rate of men entering all other jobs."

The January 1979 "Shortchanged and Slighted," published by Women's Work Force, a project of Wider Opportunities for Women, Inc., states that "women's employment status has shown little improvement . . . in fact, has actually deteriorated. . . . In 1977, of the 12 million skilled blue collar workers, only 5 percent were women. Nearly one-third of these few women worked in lower-paying skilled jobs that are closely related to homemaking skills (e.g., upholsterers, bakers, decorators, window dressers)."

In terms of general economic comparisons, this 1979 report states, "The wage differential [between men and women] has actually increased in the last 20 years. According to 1977 figures, women working full-time, year-round, had a median income of \$8,814—only 50 percent of men's median income of \$15,070. . . . The need for women to achieve equity in the work force is greater now than ever before. . . . As of March 1978, 14 percent (about one in every seven) of all American families were headed by women."

Marilyn Pearman, Assistant Manager for the California State Women's

Program, Public Employment and Affirmative Action Division of the State Personnel Board, indicates that the trend has been similar for women in state service.

"Slightly," she says, "the percentage of women in blue collar jobs with the state of California is beginning to increase. Based on 1970 census figures, there were 3,600 semi-skilled blue collar workers total in California state service, of which women were only 6 percent, while parity for women would be 38 percent."

Pearman notes that "There were 3,300 total journey level skilled blue collar workers, of which women were 3 percent, and 4,400 total supervising blue collar workers, of which women were 0.5 percent, a mere total sum of 23 women. At the same time, the numbers of women laborers are much higher at lower-paying state jobs, such as janitors, where women constitute 38 percent of the workers."

The US Merit System Protection Board conducted "an extremely extensive study which the state has adopted in developing programs," says Pearman. The study, entitled "Sexual Har-

assment faced by blue collar women in Sacramento.

Sheila, an employee of Southern Pacific Railroad since 1979, has spent most of her time working as a forklift driver.

"I was discouraged by management from taking the forklift position due to their concern for women's safety. I was harassed by the men out there, including taking the others off the forklift and leaving me alone, which led me to believe there was some reason besides my safety why they discouraged me," she says.

"One day, I was driving the forklift while a coworker and my foreman were giving me directions. The coworker stood in front of the forklift and told me to move back, but the foreman stood to my rear and told me to move forward. I felt myself to be in a dangerous situation, and as the coworker started to shake his hands at me, I started shaking. So I went home on sick leave and immediately reported the incident to my union."

"The union found no grounds for sexual harassment," Sheila says, "and told me to 'make a better effort to get

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harassment in the Federal Workplace-March 1981," surveyed issues in jobs across the country from May 1978 to May 1980, and concluded that "42 percent of all working women are sexually harassed, [and] the most severe cases of sexual harassment are against women in blue collar jobs."

Pearman adds, "A good percentage of women entering blue collar jobs are lesbians and I believe a large number of the contacts we've had from women having problems in non-traditional state jobs are lesbians."

The State Women's Program classifies harassment of women because they are lesbians, and the accusation of lesbianism toward a woman on the job, as "sexual orientation harassment," she says.

She identifies some of the reasons for sexual harassment as "the isolation of women, who are usually the only one or one of two in departments spread across the state, placement of women on all-male crews who are not accustomed to working with women, male workers' resentment toward women entering what they consider to be their environment, and men's lack of awareness of the law and what discrimination is."

"Under Title 7 of the 1964 Civil Rights Act," Marilyn Pearman stresses, "sexual discrimination is illegal, and the March 1981 study determined that sexual harassment is a form of discrimination."

The study also quotes figures determining that sexual harassment is largely done by men—primarily against women, but also against men.

The State Women's Program, according to Pearman, feels that "the first step in attacking the problem is making people aware of sexual harassment, and, especially, informing victims that they have a right to complain."

Interviews with local women emphasize the issues of isolation and

along with my coworkers and there'd be no problem.' I'd already worked with them for two years. Three days later, head management sent me a letter, telling me not to come back to work and requiring me to have my medical records reviewed by their doctor."

"When I saw the doctor, he said, 'You look too depressed and tense to work to me, so I recommend that you don't return to work for three months.' My union told me the matter was out of their hands. One week before the end of the three months, I got another letter telling me to see the company psychiatrist."

Sheila continues the Catch-22 story of her dealings with the railroad and her union: "The psychiatrist's report kept me out of work for another three months, and although they won't tell me the psychiatrist's findings, they established that I should hold a job 'with minimal personal contact and perform jobs with specific work assignments.' But all the jobs at Southern Pacific have specific work assignments."

"The union," Sheila sums up, "told me to take a different job with the company, just to get back to work. This new job as a maintenance-of-way clerk seems OK so far, but I like forklift and I do well at it. The union said it could take two to three years to get the proceedings settled, before I could get any back pay."

Pamela King is an apprentice electrician with SMUD (Sacramento Municipal Utility District). She has worked in the same department for the past three years.

"I have good security with the company and the salary is really good, but I'm the only woman and it's lonely. I'm outnumbered and I deal with harassment daily—so much that I'm almost immune. I come in and it starts. The men try to make me feel inadequate and they see me as taking

jobs from other men."

She continues, "At one point, there was also a white woman in the department and she had to put on a hard front so as not to be sexually harassed. At least I wasn't a sex object with her there. My race is second to being a woman. They've dealt with black people before, but it's a hard combination. I don't fit the image."

"Every six months, I rotate to a new crew and the whole thing starts over. I don't let my guard down because I've learned that I can't trust them. I just work as hard as I can, but there's no support."

She concludes, "I went into electronics to see if I could do it, to prove something to myself, and I've gained a lot of self-confidence. But I can't see myself doing this when I'm 55. I feel that any woman, given the chance to succeed on a non-traditional job, can do it. You've got to really be determined."

Rue Blanscett has worked as an independent auto mechanic for women in Sacramento for the past three years.

"I was tired of not having comparable worth and I wanted to make it in non-traditional work. It was difficult to get into the field with no prior experience, so I completed all of the mechanics classes at Cosumnes College and I got a lot of training at the Sacramento Skills Center."

"One of my biggest problems," Rue says, "is having limited experience and funds. I tell women that I'm still learning and I make mistakes, so please bear with me. Usually, women will go ahead and take their business to a man because they are not willing to put the extra chance in me."

"On the other hand," she goes on, "I'm not important enough to the male parts and repair business to get any discounts. Some of the men treat me with complete indifference, some are belligerent, some feel threatened. Some don't know how to handle it, and some do."

"Right now," she says, "I'm really disillusioned, because I've had no support from the women's community. I spent all of the money I got from my business in the women's community, like my gynecologist and my books, but I didn't see any money coming back to me. Women don't have enough money to pay me, so I can't blame them."

"I wanted a completely woman-owned and -operated business that only serviced women and that taught auto mechanics to women. It takes a lot of self-worth and tolerance on the part of both the mechanic and the customer."

"Lately, I've decided not to work on cars anymore. In order to be successful," she sums up, "I need both men and women to treat me as an equal."

Edie Cartwright, a journey level carpenter, received four years of training as an apprentice through the local union in Stanislaus County. She has worked for the union and privately for the past eight years in Stanislaus and Sacramento counties.

"I deal with personalities," she says. "The hardest part of my job is to arrive at the work site on the first day and ask for the foreman. Every eye is on me and I've been booed and howled at."

"I constantly have to prove myself. They wait for me to make a mistake, so they can say 'I told you so.' I find the men who are insecure about their jobs are the ones who are most intimidated

OUTINGS

Apple Hill: Old-Fashioned Harvest Festival

Story and Photos by TIM WARFORD

Just an hour east of Sacramento on Highway 50 there's a mountain top that continues the custom of the old-time harvest festival.

Apple Hill, a few miles beyond Placerville, is now in the middle of its annual fall harvest festivities.

People come from all over to see the growers prepare their crops for market. Visitors are invited to sample the various products ranging from apple cider to apple dumplings.

Most of the ranches give free samples of their cider and some allow visitors to taste fresh-picked apples. Many also offer baked goods for sale at a reasonable price.

One can buy cooked and frozen apple pies, apple dumplings, apple doughnuts, caramel apples, apple cakes, strudel, fritters, apple butter, and even frozen cider pops.

And, yes, the growers even sell just plain apples—Delicious, Winesap, Rome Beauty, Newtown Pippin, Jonathan, Gravenstein, and many more varieties for munching, baking, and canning.

In addition to apples, many ranches sell pumpkins, corn, squash, tomatoes, nuts, and melons. A couple of Apple Hill growers even sell their own wine and ranch-grown Christmas trees.

Several of the ranches also feature artisans and craftspeople displaying and selling their handiwork.

Many people are surprised at the thought of apples and wine from the Sierra foothills. After all, isn't the Napa-Sonoma area supposed to be the apple and wine area of northern California?

While apple and grape growing in Napa and Sonoma goes back to the early mission days, the Apple Hill ranches got their start just after the Gold Rush.

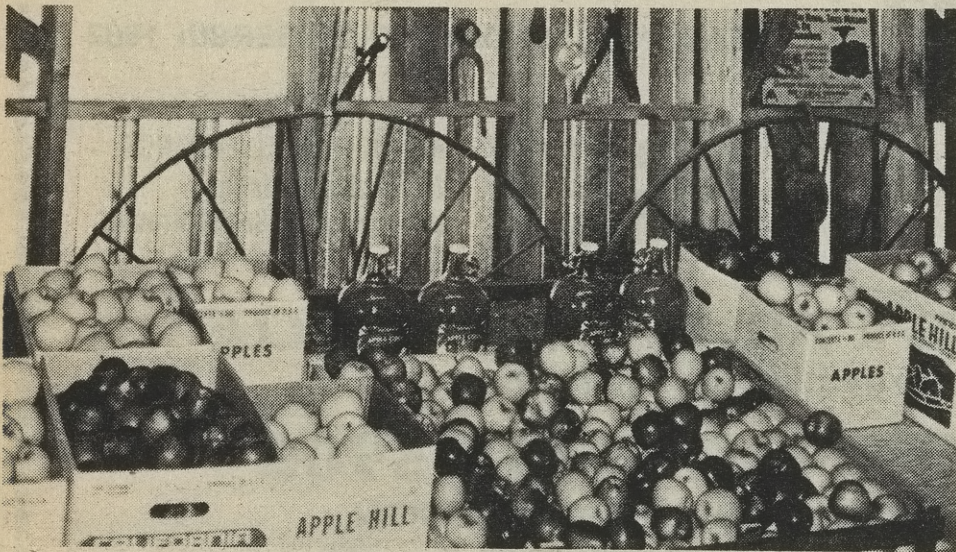
Farmers who didn't strike it rich in the mines soon discovered that they could make money selling fresh produce to the miners and established orchards and vineyards in the gold country.

The mountain air and rich soil were perfect for crops, and abandoned miners' flumes were put to use as part of the mountain's irrigation system.

From the time the first apple tree was planted on the hill over a century ago, the area has seen many changes. Now there are paved roads, tractors, mowers, wind machines, and overhead sprinklers. Automated packing lines, cold storage plants, and cardboard boxes instead of wooden bushel baskets have also found their way onto the hill.

There are even new and scientifically bred varieties of apples, better tasting and easier to grow and keep.

Even so, the country traditions of fishing, swimming, recipe-swapping, and even gossiping still thrive on the hill. Harvest time is a celebration of agriculture and a chance to share a little bit of Apple Hill life with their visitors from the cities. ★



Apple Hill Recipe

One of the items available from the Apple Hill ranches is the "Apple Hill Recipe Book," which contains favorite family recipes of Apple Hill growers.

The Star is pleased to present a sample of the recipes that you will find in the book.

According to the Apple Hill people, these recipes are best when you use Apple Hill apples.

You can get a copy of the 1982 cookbook at any of the independently operated ranches at Apple Hill for \$1.50, or by sending \$2.25 to Apple Hill Recipes, P.O. Box 494, Camino, CA 95709. ★

APPLE HILL CAKE

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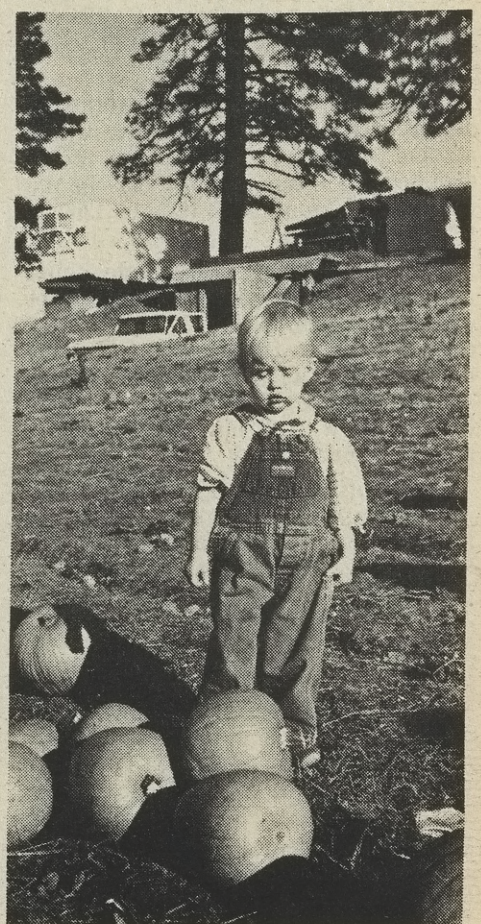
- 2 cups sugar
- ½ cup salad oil
- 2 eggs
- 4 cups diced apples

Sift together:

- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 teaspoons baking soda

Add dry ingredients to apple mixture. Pour into a greased 9 × 13 inch pan and bake 1 hour in preheated oven at 350 degrees.

Serve plain, frosted, or with whipped cream, hot or cold.



Local President Reflects On 1982 NOW Convention

Shireen Miles, President of the Sacramento chapter of NOW, attended the recent national convention in Indianapolis. In addition to her report for The Star, we asked her for her personal reflections on the convention.

Miles said that the majority of

Sacramento and Stockton votes for the NOW national presidency went to Sonia Johnson. When Judy Goldsmith was elected, however, the local delegates said they felt they could work effectively with her.

"She's a competent leader with extensive experience working within NOW on behalf of all our issues," Miles said.

Miles termed the fierce competition for the various offices in the organization "a good sign, a healthy sign that

NOW has come of age as a major force for change in this country."

She noted that NOW has experienced tremendous growth since the rise of the radical right, adding that the organization now has more than 220,000 members and an annual national budget of \$13 million.

On the subject of the lesbian rights resolution, Miles said that she voted for it as amended to eliminate the requirement that candidates endorsed by NOW be in accord with NOW's

policy on every issue.

"Otherwise," she said, "we'd have to sit on our hands through a lot of crucial campaigns because the best candidate wasn't good enough."

Miles added, "Elected officials will only take our issues seriously when we finally demonstrate with our dollars and our time just how much they matter to us."

At the same time, Miles said, there seemed to be a consensus that a NOW endorsement should not come easily.★

NOW Convention

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any issue, including lesbian rights, was inconsistent with NOW policy. Critics of this portion held that it is sometimes necessary to support a "less than perfect" candidate in order to defeat a staunch opponent of human rights.

A substitute amendment was added which called upon the NOW PAC and the NOW Equality PAC to continue to use all NOW issues, including lesbian rights, as top priorities in their consideration of candidates, "within an overall political power structure, balance of power and realistic expectations that continue to further the goals of equality for all women."

Candidates in the Sacramento area who have received state and national NOW endorsements and campaign contributions include Assemblywoman Jean Moorhead, who has been voted \$1500. Assemblyman Leroy Greene, running for the Senate against ultra-conservative Mormon Senator John Doolittle, will receive \$500. Baron Reed, the former Roseville mayor challenging Congressman Norman Shumway, also an ultra-conservative Mormon, in the Sixth Congressional District race, will get \$500.★

CHP: Drunk Driving Deaths Down In '82

Deaths resulting from alcohol-related traffic accidents were down and arrests for driving under the influence of alcohol were up in the first seven months stricter drunk driving laws were in effect, according to California Highway Patrol Commissioner Glen Craig.

The CHP reported that statewide deaths attributed to accidents in which alcohol was a contributing factor dropped 15 percent, from 1600 in the first seven months of 1981 to 1360 in 1982.

Craig said that "no simple cause and effect relationship should be drawn between these laws and the decrease in traffic deaths involving alcohol, but the reductions in all significant categories seem to indicate that the new DUI laws are having a positive effect."

Craig also cited steady law enforcement pressure on drinking drivers as another important factor in improving California's drunk driver problem. The CHP made 87,754 DUI arrests through August 1982—a slight increase over the 87,166 drunk arrests in the same period last year.

Decreases have also been recorded in total traffic accidents, total fatal accidents, and in the numbers of wrecks in which either drunk drivers were the primary cause or alcohol was a factor.

"The drunk driver problem in our society has grown up over a long period of time and has very deep roots," Craig said. "These initial results are encouraging, but permanently reversing the drinking driver trends is a long term project likely to take several years."★

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Men's Gathering From Page 1

Gathering. It is an impressive ceremony celebrating men's closeness to the earth. The faerie circle is a non-sectarian celebration of something inside that is sacred, and it includes men of all sexual orientations.

This acceptance of other men's sexuality, and a balance of gay and non-gay attendees, is one of the strengths of the conference, according to Alan Acacia of Oakland. He was a founding member of the group that organized the first CMG.

Acacia felt that the numbers of men attending this year's gathering were cut by the financial strain Reaganomics is putting on people. Since the first CMG in 1978, the number of men attending has grown yearly.

Nonetheless, Acacia said, even though the numbers have grown, the intimacy and sense of safety have not been lost. In fact, he felt, they have been strengthened. "The California Men's Gathering is not an 'attitude' conference."

This feeling was echoed by Mark Baker of Sacramento, who has attended all five gatherings. "This year, it felt like coming home. Before, it had always felt like a new experience. But this year, thanks to the changes in me,

the energy of the gathering was the energy of my life, only intensified."

One of the primary aims of the gathering, and one of the signs of its success, is the involvement of men from all over the state in local groups such as the Sacramento Men's Collective, which organized the 1980 gathering. The 1982 CMG was organized by the Santa Cruz Men's Collective and the Santa Cruz Men Against Rape.

The 1983 California Men's Gathering will be organized by a coalition of men's groups from the San Francisco Bay Area. The first steps in its planning were taken at the Plenary Planning Sessions on the last day of this year's gathering.

Another group active in organizing workshops at the gatherings is the CAMP Caucus—California Anti-sexist Men's Political Caucus. It is a three-year-old statewide group formed to provide a supportive network of anti-sexist men.

CAMP Caucus has a booklet entitled "Male Pride and Anti-sexism" available for \$1 from Bill Mack, 785 San Jose Avenue, Apt. E, San Francisco, CA 94110. The booklet contains the title essay, a bibliography, a list of men's groups in California, and a list of actions men can take against sexism.★

Traditional Chinese Art Form Will Be On Display Two Weeks At Himovitz Gallery

Framed papercuts, a Chinese folk art, will be shown October 25 through November 7 at the Michael Himovitz Gallery. The public is invited to a preview reception Tuesday, October 26, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The gallery is at 1828 Walnut Avenue, Carmichael. Its hours are noon to 5 p.m. daily.

Paper cutting is thought to have originated in north China during the Han dynasty (207 B.C.-220 A.D.), when paper was invented. In the T'ang dynasty (618-906 A.D.), houses in north China had windows of thin paper made half-transparent with tung oil. Red

paper cutouts were pasted on the windows at festival times, giving rise to the Chinese term "window flowers."

Papercuts are painstakingly hand-made by skilled Chinese artisans with scissors or small sharp knives. Some are painted after cutting.

This art has been perfected through the centuries, and today's papercuts reflect both traditional and modern styles. Papercuts from different localities reflect distinctive regional traditions.

This exhibit is on loan to the US-China Peoples Friendship Association from the Consulate of the People's Republic of China.★

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by my being there."

"I can't expect to be totally accepted, ever—that's unrealistic," Edie says. "But it's not my responsibility to make the men feel good about my being there. They can call me a bitch, but I just keep going and I don't do anything to feed into their hate."

"I was the only woman in the union, and I knew that if I made trouble I could be black-carded and not referred out to jobs. One time, I had a problem with safety and my union worker advised me not to make a big thing out of it. I learned to play by their rules, especially as an apprentice."

"It's even harder now that jobs are scarce and there's an old way of thinking—that it's more important for a man to get the job," Edie says. "They think 'she's just a woman,' but the odds are I know more than a man they'd pick for supervisor. The economy has made it really hard because interest rates have slowed down construction and the last ones in are the first ones to go."

"I've been a carpenter for a long time and I've seen a lot. I can tell you, it's a man's world. I hear things today that I heard eight years ago, and I get tired of the same old bullshit. I'm getting ready to take the General Contractor's license exam, so I can handle my own jobs."

Renee Femenell is a work skills supervisor for the Sacramento Rehabilitation Facility. She has spent the past few months both working in a blue collar position and training developmentally disabled adults to use industrial skills.

"I was the first woman supervisor and staff member ever to be put in the woodshop," Renee recalls. "There are 35 clients, of whom eight are moderately to mildly retarded women. These women range in age from 21 to 45, and have first and second grade learning skills levels."

"We prepare clients for competitive employment using power equipment, such as radial arm saws, chop saws, and band saws, and performing basic assembly, such as industrial packaging. I've found that, most definitely, women can be trained as readily as men in industrial skills."

"However," she says, "women haven't had childhood experience with and exposure to power equipment. Over and over again, before I can train a woman to use the power equipment, I must help her overcome her fear of the unknown."

"As far as employment goes, these women have two strikes against them. Employers who are reluctant to hire non-disabled women have an even greater reluctance to hire my female clients. Nevertheless, I believe in training women in as many skills as

they can develop, and we hope that one day our clients will be able to use their skills in the labor market."

"As a female supervisor," Renee says, "I find my male and female clients reluctant at first to accept my authority at training them in traditionally male jobs. It's a constant education in sexism for us all."

"For example, I asked a male client to help me move some boxes, and he said, 'Of course I'll help you. You can't do it.' Consequently, I had to stop and move the boxes myself, explaining that it's not a male or a female job to move heavy objects—it's according to a person's physical capacity."

"My agency decided to incorporate sexism into group discussions and problem-solving workshops for clients and staff. The men, and especially the women, are learning that they can do things themselves."

"I feel very fortunate," Renee concludes, "that the male counselors on my staff are so supportive, but it's an unusual situation."

These interviews make obvious the blue collar woman's need for increasing support. Economic, geographic, and most of all, discriminatory pressures, however, make that support difficult to obtain.

The Joint Apprenticeship Commission Board is noted for supporting women's inclusion in apprenticeship programs in Sacramento. But Juanita Williams, director of the program, notes that "the program was defunded, and right now our energy is directed toward getting funds."

Support can be found through private organizations, such as Trades Women Incorporated and others cited in the San Francisco magazine "Trades Women, Inc."

State and federal agencies, such as the California State Women's Program and the Fair Employment and Housing Department, also aid blue collar women in cases of discrimination in employment.

Virginia Jackson, of the Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Apprenticeship Standards, strongly advises that women "know their rights regarding laws governing their programs," and that "women participate in the promotion of programs and get more women in."

Marilyn Pearman, who works for the Affirmative Action Division of the State Personnel Board, also stresses women's support of one another, noting that "the state is actively recruiting for women in blue collar jobs. Although there is a high turnover, we've found that the more women who've gone before, the easier it gets. Lesbians have traditionally been pioneers, and it's the same with women going into blue collar work."★

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Don't Forget

By RICK VAN DYKE

Do I need to remind you again to vote on Tuesday, November 2? The polls will be open from 7 a.m. till 8 p.m. As they say, your vote can make a difference.

Don't forget the self-defense workshop for men and women on Saturday, October 23, at 5 p.m., sponsored by RCBA and Sacramento NOW. Like the one offered in August by the two organizations, this class will be taught at Archer's Furniture, and will teach the use of CN chemical repellent. Five dollars of the total \$15 fee is required in advance; call Archer's Furniture, 424-5085, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., for details.

The fifth Light Night of Women's Music will run for two performances on Sunday, October 24 at the Pease Conservatory Theatre, 22nd and L Streets.

Showtimes are 7 and 9 p.m. and tickets are priced at \$3.75. Men are very welcome, too, according to Jan-Michelle Sawyer. Emcee for this popular event will be Ellen Alford, and performers, in addition to Sawyer, will include Jeanette Hess, Laura Rey-more, and the women's Barbershop Quartet.

The Davis Gay Task Force, Lesbian Network, and UCD Gay Students Union have resumed regular activities with the beginning of the Fall quarter. According to Paul Harris, head of the DGTF Speakers' Bureau, their office, 433 Russell Boulevard, is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The phone number is 753-2090. In addition to the speakers' bureau, the Davis groups sponsor ongoing peer counseling, a roommate referral service, and potlucks every other Friday at 7:30 p.m., "the Fridays when the Sac State LGPU doesn't have their potlucks." As a special fundraiser, they will show the film "Halloween" on Saturday, October 30. Call for times and place.

Last call to register for the Lesbian Forum being held at Sierra 2 on Saturday, October 23. It will include workshops on lesbian couples, third world lesbians, children of gays, and lesbian mothers. Social worker Mary Lou Hyde will moderate the all-day conference, which will benefit the Sacramento Women's Center. You can register at Lioness Books, 1311 21st Street.

Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Mental Health Professionals, also open to non-mental health professionals, will meet on Sunday, October 24, at the 820 24th Street office of Elizabeth Harrison and Phyllis Kaufman. After a board meeting at 6 p.m., the general meeting and potluck will start at 6:30. Ken Brock will be the guest speaker, on Planned Parenthood for gays.

Another good reason not to vote for state Senator John Doolittle. He now represents District 3, but is running against Assemblyman Leroy Greene in District 6. So, if he is elected, the voters will have to pay for a special election to choose his replacement in District 3.

The Empress V de Reno, "the fabulous Jack-E," will emcee GNIE's Closet Ball '82 at the Riverbend Country Club in Broderick on Saturday, October 30. Emperor IX Doug and Empress IX Billy will host the evening's entertainment, which will include a show at 7:30 p.m. and cash prizes in various categories of costume competition. Tickets are \$6 at the door.

"Coming Out to Parents" will be the discussion topic at the meeting of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays on Tuesday, November 2. Students from colleges in the Sacramento area will speak, covering such items as when to tell parents, how to tell them, and what kind of reactions to expect. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. and it's in the Fireside Room at Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645 Marconi Avenue.

San Francisco Chronicle reporter Randy Shilts, author of "Mayor of Castro Street: The Life and Times of Harvey Milk," will speak at California State University on Thursday, November 11. His free lecture, on "Gays and the News Media," is set for 8 p.m. in the Forest Suite on the third floor of the University Union. A question-and-answer period will follow. Shilts will deal with some of his experiences and observations as the first openly gay reporter in the mainstream media. He will also discuss researching and writing his biography of Harvey Milk. Sponsors of his lecture are the Lambda Media Association (LAMA) of CSUS, The Sacramento Star and the CSUS Lesbian/Gay Peoples' Union.

Remember you can have fun and support a good cause on the first Monday of every month at GNIE's Bingo Night. It happens at the Mercantile at 8 p.m. Three cards are only \$3.

The UC Davis Sacramento Medical Center and Sutter Hospitals have informed the Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Mental Health Professionals that their policy includes the right of patients to choose their visitors. Neither restricts hospital and intensive care visits to immediate families.

Larry Dunlap has recently been named outreach minister of River City Metropolitan Community Church by Pastor Freda Smith. Larry reports that church membership is growing and some exciting plans are in the works for the future. He's enthusiastic about the choir and the new organ, and about the Men's Support Group. Call the church at 454-4762 for more information.

Photographs by Pat Gargaetas will be shown from November 1 through November 26 at Earhart's Cafe, 1905 16th Street, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday through Friday. The show, entitled "Parentheses/Early Works," will officially open with a reception on Sunday, November 7, from 3 to 5 p.m.

A news flash in the October newsletter of Dignity/Sacramento informs members and friends that Sacramento Roman Catholic Bishop Francis Quinn will be celebrating Mass for the group on Saturday, November 27, at 7 p.m. in St. Francis Church, 26th and K Streets. This is the second time Bishop Quinn has worshipped with Dignity—a real sign of how seriously he takes his job as pastor of all the Catholics in his diocese.★



RICK VAN DYKE

Mental Health Professionals Group Will Investigate Big Brothers' Discrimination

The Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Mental Health Professionals group is interested in exploring whether or not the organization "Sacramento Big Brothers and Big Sisters" has discriminated against gay men or lesbians in handling applications to be a big brother or big sister.

Persons who have had any experi-

ence, positive or negative, with this organization, are asked to call Phyllis Kaufman, LCSW, at 966-5116. All responses will be held in confidentiality.

Kaufman said, "If prejudice or discrimination exists, the Sacramento Lesbian and Gay Mental Health Professionals want to correct this at once, and we do need data in order to begin."★

Gay Men's Conference From Page 1

between immune deficiency and high-stress living, heavy recreational drug use, and sex with many partners.

"There seem to be radical social changes because of AIDS," he said. "People seldom greet each other on Castro Street with a kiss on the lips anymore, and increasing numbers of men are living monandrous lifestyles."

Even though the transmissibility of AIDS has not been proved, Miller said, he advises great caution. He recommended having a competent, informed physician and getting regular check-ups. He also suggested a moderate lifestyle.

"Stress is a big immune suppressor," Miller said. "Work to minimize the stress in your life."

Some of the ways he suggested for doing this included developing a positive gay identity, developing a network of supportive friends, knowing what one wants from life and how to get it, maximizing one's sexuality, and living in a comfortable location.

Geography, Miller suggested, may be more important than people often think. Not only what city one lives in is important, but also where one lives in the city. "Orangevale, for instance, is likely to be more stressful for a gay man than Lavender Heights."

The gay fathers panel was led by Dan Rudd, LCSW. The eight men on the panel shared a wide variety of gay fathering experiences.

Although some of the men on the panel were adoptive fathers and some were natural fathers, all shared one thing in common—a love of children. In addition, most of them had always wanted to have children.

Some had been married, some were married, some were raising their own children with a lover, some had fathered children for friends with an agreement to share parenting. All agreed that fathering was a mixture of great joy and hard work, but always worthwhile.

Rudd pointed out in his introduction that many gay men are fathers and many want to be, but a sort of invisibility surrounds them. "There are not many activities in our community for parents and their kids. Hopefully, that will change."

He also said that in the past most gay fathers were men who had married, either aware that they were gay or not. Now, however, with the increased openness about being gay, gay men who want to be fathers are finding other ways to do so.

Some of these ways were discussed by Ken Brock, LCSW. He began by making the point that for gay men fathering is like the coming out process—one has to overcome a great deal of negative conditioning that says gay men can't be fathers, aren't good with children, and so on.

"That's all their garbage," he said. "We can dump it right back in their laps."

According to Brock, one way in which gay men can be temporary parents is to qualify as foster parents.

He said that the county is looking for good foster homes in which to place gay children.

Another option is to become a "big brother." The official Big Brothers organization is currently under investigation by the Lesbian and Gay Mental Health Professionals because of reports that it is homophobic.

Reportedly, affirming that one is gay immediately disqualifies a potential Big Brother. However, he said, there is an unofficial big brothers group working with a lesbian mothers organization to provide male companionship for their children.

A third option for gay men who want to be fathers is adoption. No state law prohibits a single gay man from adopting a child, although a gay male couple may not jointly adopt. Independent adoptions can be arranged with parents who wish to give a child for adoption. Also, international adoptions, particularly from South American countries, can be arranged.

The fourth option Brock mentioned is finding a surrogate mother to bear a child. The legal ramifications of this approach are complex, and thorough counselling and planning are necessary.

Dan Rudd announced that a gay fathers' support group is being formed as a result of the meetings to plan the presentation at the conference. Interested persons may contact him at 447-9616.

The gay fathers panel made a deep impression on the men attending the conference. Emotion-laden applause followed each man's story, and a number of the audience stayed to ask questions of the panelists.

One member of the audience remarked, "This is really different. It opened up a whole new world to me."

In other presentations, Dr. Harvey Thompson discussed hepatitis B and the new vaccine for it, and Dr. Harvey Rosenthal talked about gay couples.

Rosenthal dealt at some length with the study and findings of Drs. Mattison and McWhirter about the phases of gay male couple relationships. He also touched on the lack of support for couples from the single gay community, and discussed the importance of basing relationships on shared interests and affinities rather than simply sex.

The conference concluded with the showing of the film "Greetings From Washington, D.C." It is a short, colorful, and moving documentary of the national march for gay and lesbian rights held in Washington, D.C. in October 1979.

The Gay Men's Conference, like the Lesbian Forum scheduled for Saturday, October 23, was put together by Dr. Elizabeth Harrison of the Mental Health Professionals and Robin Purdy and Debbie Wender of the Sacramento Women's Center. Dr. Edward E. Hall, Sacramento psychologist, served as moderator. Proceeds from both conferences will benefit the women's center.★

CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 20

- * The STAR is published.
- * Women Only Group sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. EIDorado Room, University Union, CSUS. 7-9 p.m. Call Chris, 457-1372 for information.
- * Sacramento Men's Collective open rap. La Semilla. 7:30 p.m. Call 985-9669 for information.
- * Man Two Man social—Potluck dinner. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755.

Thursday, October 21

- * Volleyball for men and women. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 7-9 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.

Friday, October 22

- * Davis Gay & Lesbian Potluck. Sponsored by UCD Gay Students Union, Lesbian Network, and Davis Gay Task Force. 7:30 p.m. Call 753-2090 for place.
- * Lesbian Rap. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. 3700 Y St. 8 p.m. Call 736-0113 or 453-0791.

Saturday, October 23

- * Lesbian Forum. 24th Street Theatre, Sierra 2. \$10-\$15, tickets at Lioness Books, 1311 21st Street. 10 a.m.-5p.m.
- * Self-defense class sponsored by River City Business Association. Archer's Furniture, 6105 Stockton Blvd. 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 24

- * Women's Basketball. Sponsored by LGPU Women's Outreach. William Land Park. 4:30 p.m. Call Chris, 457-1372, for information.
- * Sacramento Lesbian & Gay Mental Health Professionals. Board meeting, general meeting, potluck. 820 24th Street. 6 p.m.
- * Wimmin's Celebration. Non-sectarian, non-patriarchal, non-sexist spiritual worship. Women only. Potluck afterwards. 6 p.m. Jean, 736-0113, for information.
- * A Light Night of Women's Music. \$3.75. Pease Conservatory Theatre, 22nd & L. 7 and 9 p.m.

Monday, October 25

- * River City Business Association. Board of Directors meeting. Incredible Edible. 6 p.m.
- * Coming Out Group sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. Men and women welcome. Miwok Room, University Union, CSUS. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Call Brian, 443-7096 for information.
- * Open Door Rap Group sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Social Science 205, CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call Brian, 443-7096 for information.
- * Man Two Man movies at home. Call 391-9755.

Tuesday, October 26

- * Capital City Squares. Second year of square dancing for advanced and beginners from last year. The Parking Lot. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.

Wednesday, October 27

- * Deadline for The STAR.
- * Women Only Group sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. Science 248, CSUS. 7-9 p.m. Call Chris, 457-1372 for information.
- * Man Two Man social. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755 for info.

Thursday, October 28

- * Volleyball for men and women. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 7-9 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.

Friday, October 29

- * Open Door Potluck/Halloween Party sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. 7:30 p.m. Call 381-8541 for information.
- * Halloween Dance sponsored by Dignity/Sacramento. \$3. St. Francis Social Hall, 25th & K St. 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 30

- * Closet Ball '82. Sponsored by GNIE. Prizes for best costumes. \$6 donation. No-host cocktails. Riverbend Country Club, 500 Douglas Street, Broderick.

Doors open 7 p.m. Showtime 7:30 p.m.

- * Movie "Halloween." Sponsored by UCD Gay Students Union, Lesbian Network, and Davis Gay Task Force. Call 753-2090 for times and place.

Sunday, October 31

- * Women's Basketball. Sponsored by LGPU Women's Outreach. William Land Park. 4:30 p.m. Call Chris, 457-1372, for information.
- * Wimmin's Celebration. Non-sectarian, non-patriarchal, non-sexist spiritual worship. Women only. Potluck afterwards. 6 p.m. Jean, 736-0113, for information.

Monday, November 1

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- * Open Door Rap Group sponsored by CSUS LGPU. Social Science 205, CSUS. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call Brian, 443-7096 for information.
- * GNIE Bingo. Mercantile Saloon. 8 p.m.

Tuesday, November 2

- * ELECTION DAY! Remember to vote! 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
- * Parents and Friends of Lesbians and

Gays. Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645 Marconi. 7:30 p.m.

- * GNIE. Incredible Edible. 7:30 p.m.
- * Capital City Squares. Second year of square dancing. The Parking Lot. 7 p.m. Call 786-2708 for more information.
- * ORCF Gays Under 21 Club. Call Everett, 391-1362, for information.

Wednesday, November 3

- * The STAR is published.
- * SacPAC. 7:30 p.m. 457-7489 for info.
- * Man Two Man social—Guest speaker. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755 for info.
- * Women Only Group sponsored by CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union. Science 248, CSUS. 7-9 p.m. Call Chris, 457-1372 for information.

Thursday, November 4

- * Volleyball for men and women. Women's Gym, Sac City College. 7-9 p.m. Call Paul, 447-1065, for information.

Friday, November 5

- * Lesbian Rap. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. 3700 Y St. 8 p.m. Call 736-0113 or 453-0791.

Saturday, November 6

- * Our River City Family Potluck. 391-1362 for information.

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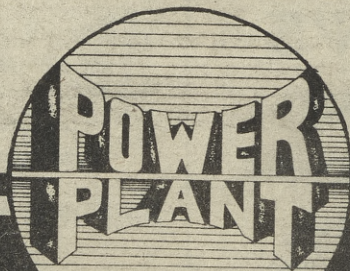
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